

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of March 4, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 1900 by President Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, with 20 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and were approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported a beginning balance of \$3940.98. She deposited \$25 for one membership, leaving a balance of \$3965.98. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

## **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that we had one Skywarn event last month on February 7. He also reported that Mike York of the Paducah National Weather Service conducted the basic weather spotting class on February 11. He mentioned the EF4 tornado that struck Alabama, killing 23+ people, and he reminded us that these events are why Skywarn exists.

Barry said that the repeaters are functioning normally. He said that he has been asked if someone would want to pick up the "Fusion Cruisin'" digital net that was once held on Thursdays at 8 p.m. If anyone is interested in doing this, let Barry know. It requires a Yaesu Fusion digital radio.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, suggested that rather than donate items to victims of events such as the Alabama tornado, to instead donate gift cards to Walmart, the Dollar Store, etc., so that those affected can go directly to the stores and buy what they need. It is much more user friendly, since the donated items don't have to be transferred several times, wasting valuable volunteer time.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, said that he will be meeting with the Perry County Sheriff to discuss a potential ham radio class in the fall.

Dick Knaup reported that EOC Director Mark Winkler has hired a second part-time person; Michael Gentry will be the new Administrative Assistant as well as planner and trainer for the EOC. Dick said that converting to ESF is getting close to completion. He also said that the EOC is changing the present badge-making system over to the Salamander System, which will make the identification of volunteers automatic statewide during emergencies.

Dick said that we have potential severe weather coming in by Saturday. He also said that there will be a tornado drill for the county on Tuesday, March 5, at 10 a.m.

Our guests for the evening were Bob Grevillius, W4DRR, and Jokko Williams.

Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, said that we have 36 members to date.

## **New Business**

Ron Morris, ADØBY, announced that Field Day is coming up on June 22 – 23, starting with a 9 a.m. set up Saturday and ending on 4 p.m. Sunday. Both shelters in Klaus Park have been reserved, and we will have the van and generator available. He suggested that we work 2-hour shifts during the day

and 4-hour shifts at night. He also suggested that the club offer an incentive for the most contacts made in 2 hours during the day or 4 hours at night. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, suggested that Judy Bradley go to the Wood & Huston Bank to find out under what tax ID number our club was set up. If a person's Social Security Number was used, our assets could end up in probate if that person dies. Judy will look into having the bank get a tax ID number for our club if it is currently under someone's Social Security Number.

Barry made a motion that we pass the hat to collect money to use for an incentive for the Field Day contacts. Judy seconded the motion; the motion passed. Ron Morris, ADØBY, will collect the funds.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that the Cave City hamfest was very nice. He also announced that the Missouri QSO party is coming up on April 6 – 7. He learned that at last year's party, where Ron Morris, ADØBY, Bill Brown, KEØJDD, Ed Myers, ADØWN, and he used low-power SSB in four counties, they were number 5 of 5 in that category. This year, he has reserved the 1x1 call sign WØH and plans to use high power from his home station. Contact Ernie if you wish to be a part of a multi-operator, high-power team.

The March meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC